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| Mitsuru KURITA, et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2624 |
| Application No.: 09/993,725 |) | |
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| Filed: November 27, 2001 |) | |
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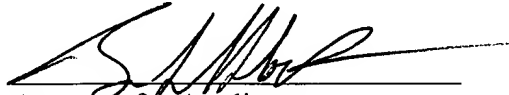
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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